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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely filed on July 23, 2008 in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2008, which was designed final. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.